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JF, JWW, DEPARTMENT HEADS

From: A. H. Sather
Date: April 23, 1985

Subject: SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 3/28/85

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Injury and Exposure Trends

In the injury area, John Friend noted the injury numbers were up for the fiscal year and maybe down for the second quarter. He then polled the members to see if group feelings or attitudes had changed. The responses were:

- PJK - Complaints regarding hard push for product and manpower are still common - particularly in safety meetings.
 - Many folks will have to relearn their jobs.
- CRS - People are still making mistakes and blaming others. Supervisors are some better but not where we need to be.
- DWH - Attitudes were somewhat better. Safety meetings are more lively with operators reviewing specific job safety.
- JRW - Some differences in the way the shifts operate now that there is one supervisor versus four.
- WFH - Safety attitudes seem up with the increased activity in the warehouse (storm related) with product being moved to Prairie.
- JWW - Hard to judge attitude change given short tenure. Peer pressure, however, seems to be a factor.

John Friend summarized by saying that people are the source of injuries. We must get committed and push the front line.

In the exposure area, improvements were noted. DWH commented that March experience should be in goal. Maintenance and Vinyl are working together to control overexposures to VCM. JF commented that the 745 reactor condenser leak problem should be held up in front of plant personnel to show we mean business.

AHS commented that our ratios do not indicate that we are reporting first aid injuries to the extent they occur. This keeps us from seeing trends.

A general discussion regarding seasonal trends, off-job injuries and CDP costs occurred.

SUB-COMMITTEE PROGRESS

Interlock and Alarm Setpoint - The ROL work slowed progress versus goals. Current status is:

- Fired equipment check to be done in April. VLT to be involved; GAM/Satish to push.
- Operational check also needs to be done on procedures for field checks.

Blinding - as noted in agenda.

Tools - As noted. Also, a program with test frequency needs to be developed.

Operations, Maintenance, Lab - DWH reviewed the discussions regarding the safety glasses policy and the Hazard Communications Rule.

Audits - as noted in the agenda.

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

Vinyl

- Operators writing and presenting Job Safety Analyses in safety meetings and having a working discussion of them.
- JSA's will be documented.
- This is a good program to do periodically to heighten awareness.

Compound

- Interest factors are not as high as needed in safety meetings. Variety and interest generators are important.
- The chemical exposure video tape was a positive.

Process Engineering

- Departmental program planning session main thrust was personal commitment. Work this year will be in the JSA and exposure reduction areas.

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Other

- The Safety Glasses Policy direction for implementation was outlined.
- The respirator facial hair policy was introduced.

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From: A. H. Sather
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Subject: SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA
MEETING TIME 3/28/85, 10:00 A.M.

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Injury and Exposure Trends

First five months' results for fiscal 1985 are eleven first aid, three OSHA injuries, and VCM overexposures without respirators are on a downward trend. Injury distribution by department is shown below:

	<u>FIRST AID</u>	<u>OSHA</u>
Vinyl	2	1
Compound	1	0
Maintenance	7	1
Lab	1	0
Receiving/Warehouse	0	0
Office	0	1
	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>

The following is a brief summary of each injury report since the last agenda was distributed.

- A General Mechanic was working on the new #7 rotor installation on Line III. The unit became hung on a clip on the support table. The mechanic and a fellow worker had to use a pinch bar to free it. He felt a pull in his back but failed to report it until the following morning (Thursday). He reported the same problem on Friday. In both cases, he noted that he would get better over the weekend, however, his condition became worse. He had to go to the doctor on Monday morning. Inadequate handling of this injury caused more pain for the employee than was needed and caused it to become an OSHA case.
- A Vinyl Chief Operator suffered a puncture wound to his third left finger while closing a steam valve at the fluid bed dryer. He was cut by a piece of wire that held the shipping tag in place. In the future, tags like this should be removed by the personnel doing the installation.
- A Line III Compounder suffered a minor contusion and abrasion while relieving the Line III Mill Operator and working around #9 dicer. This employee was somewhat unfamiliar with this work area. The injury was not investigated.

- A General Mechanic A suffered a non-displaced fracture and contusion to his left fifth toe when he dropped a short piece of 3/8-inch seal flush piping after a seal change. The mechanic was counselled regarding being alert to job conditions and hazards.
- A General Mechanic A suffered a burn to his forearm while repairing a steam line. The injury occurred when he broke the line open and hot condensate spilled out onto his forearm. The injury was not investigated.
- A General Helper suffered a minor cut while preparing a gaylord box top for a pallet of bagged resin. A sharp edge on the box top cut his finger. No investigation was conducted.
- A Lab Technician suffered a minor burn when her arm contacted a mill roll on a compound sample that would not adhere to the roll. This injury was not investigated.
- A General Mechanic A suffered a caustic burn to both wrists from caustic contaminated vinyl from the VCM plant. He was blinding the water drain leg of 401 receiver - old module.

Chemical exposure results for January and February are shown below:

<u>Chemical</u>		<u>PEL</u>	<u>PEL</u>	<u>PEL W/O RESP.</u>
VCM	Jan.	89 (93.7%)	6 (6.3%)	3 (3.37%)
	Feb.	86 (97.7%)	2 (2.3%)	1 (1.16%)
Lead		20 (95.2%)	1 (4.8%)	0

The overexposures that occurred without respirator occurred to a reactor operator who could not identify a source; two mechanics who worked near a Corken compressor that was being rebuilt in the shop and a mechanic who was changing safety discs on 745 reactor.

Sub-Committee Progress

- Interlock and Alarm Setpoint - CRS to update in the meeting.
- Blinding - An initial packet of checksheets which includes the vinyl reactors, nw module VCM receivers and the emission recovery system tanks was issued on 3/22/85. Several other checksheets are nearing completion and will require some drafting time to standardize them. Near term the hand-done drawing maybe used to make the sheets usable immediately. These include the rotary dryer tumblers and dust collectors, old module receivers, the Shink filter and the deaerator. Some preliminary progress has been made on the round 2 checksheets. NOTE: AHS will work with CWT to revise sheets to make broader application.

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Sub-Committee Progress - continued

- Checks on the field chainfalls have been completed and documented this month. Although the committee has not written a program, the checksheets cover the necessary items for chain falls. Other items including other rigging equipment, electric and hand tools still need to be addressed.

Operations, Maintenance, Lab - DWH to update.

Audits - No progress.

Departmental Programs

Other - Safety Glasses Policy.

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